

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 889, Coast Guard Authorization Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S6591–S6727*

**Measures Introduced:** Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3587–3595, and S. Con. Res. 107. **Page S6634**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 3589, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund. (S. Rept. No. 109–271)

S. 811, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

S. 3569, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement. **Page S6634**

#### Measures Passed:

**Rural Health Care Capital Access Act:** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4912, to amend section 242 of the National Housing Act to extend the exemption for critical access hospitals under the FHA program for mortgage insurance for hospitals, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6726**

**Coast Guard Authorization—Conference Report:** Pursuant to the order of June 22, 2006, Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 889, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2006, to make technical corrections to various laws administered by the Coast Guard, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S6615**

**U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2006,

Senate begin consideration of S. 3569, to implement the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Henry M. Paulson, Jr., of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury. **Pages S6615–24, S6727**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Debra Ann Livingston, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

John Preston Bailey, of West Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia.

Mary O. Donohue, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

John Alfred Jarvey, of Iowa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Robert James Jonker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Paul Lewis Maloney, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Janet T. Neff, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Sean T. Connaughton, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

Jay M. Cohen, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

Timothy Shanahan, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2007.

Patricia Mathes, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2007.

Carmel Borders, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring November 25, 2008.

Donald D. Deshler, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2008.

Eliza McFadden, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2009.

Blanca E. Enriquez, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2009. **Pages S6726–27**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 29, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6726.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed hearings to examine the progress of Capitol Visitor Center construction, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect, Robert C. Hixon, Jr., Capitol Visitor Center Project Manager, John Eisold, Attending Physician, and Stephen Ayers, Chief Operating Officer, all of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Bernard L. Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Assistant Director, both of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Gov-

ernment Accountability Office; Peter Evelyth, General Counsel, Office of Compliance; and Captain Joseph Terra, U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

Hearings continue on Wednesday, August 2.

### IRAQI SECURITY FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee met in closed session to discuss training and equipping Iraqi security forces with Lieutenant General Martin Dempsey, USA, Commander, Multinational Security Transition Command in Iraq.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 5252, to promote the deployment of broadband networks and services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Marc Spitzer, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators McCain and Kyl, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### WATER BILLS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine S. 1812, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah, S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, S. 2129, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka Project, Idaho, S. 2470, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho, S. 2502, to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, S. 3404, to reauthorize the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply Project, H.R. 2383, to redesignate the facility of the Bureau of Reclamation located at 19550 Kelso Road in Byron, California, as the "C.W. 'Bill' Jones Pumping Plant", and H.R. 4204, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, after receiving testimony from William E. Rinne, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Jason Peltier,